



VARE ADMITS BAD WORK AT ISLAND PARK

Walls' Demolition to Make Way for Park Practically a Confession to Faulty Construction.

"Safe Bet No Dynamite Will Be Needed to Tear Them Apart," Veteran Building Wrecker Declares.

Senator Edwin H. Vare, who constructed the "near concrete walls" in League Island Park at a cost of more than \$200,000 to the taxpayers, which three noted engineers condemned, has at last confessed his work was faulty.

Less than four months ago, after a board of experts assigned by Director Cooke of the Department of Public Works, had submitted a report which stated that the walls were worthless because of many cracks, fissures and holes in them, Senator Vare made this confession.

The wall is a handsome structure and there is nothing wrong. In case of conclusive proof furnished by the experts, composed of such men as Frederick W. Taylor, of this city, formerly consulting engineer of the Midvale Steel Company, Richard L. Humphrey, president of the American Concrete Institute, and Allen Hazen, of the firm of Hazen & Whitney, consulting engineers of New York, Vare issued emphatic denials of their grave charges.

Later the senator employed a corps of engineers whose reports he refused to make public. The engineers were detailed to make an inspection of the "near-concrete walls." The report of the Senator's private investigators was never made public.

The Senator has made many trips in his automobile down to League Island since the work of razing the walls was begun. The demolition, which has interested in South Philadelphia, is a disgrace to this city, was begun last July.

From his automobile, workmen declared today, Senator Vare no doubt had an excellent chance to view the cracked walls made of impurities. He also could see the worthless walls from that vantage point.

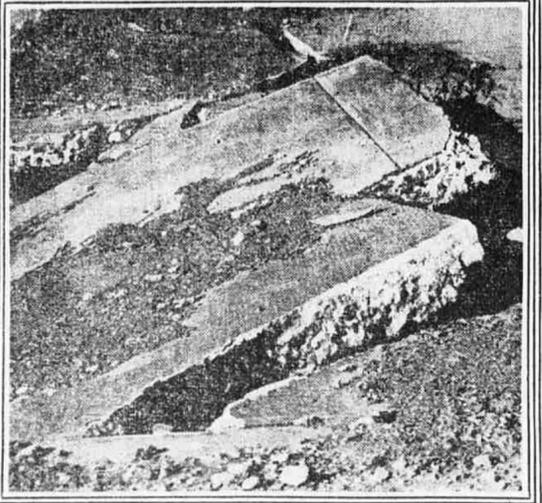
DYNAMITE NOT NEEDED. In the group of workmen detailed in the park this morning was a veteran building wrecker and all-around laborer. This man, who has worked on many municipal construction jobs, frankly declared that, owing to the poor gravel used, it was a safe bet that dynamite wouldn't be needed.

"The fellow who had the contract for putting these things up—I mean these walls—certainly must have been a blunder by this time. Any man who has eyes and knows a thing about concrete will say that there is something wrong with this job. Only a blind man couldn't tell the difference."

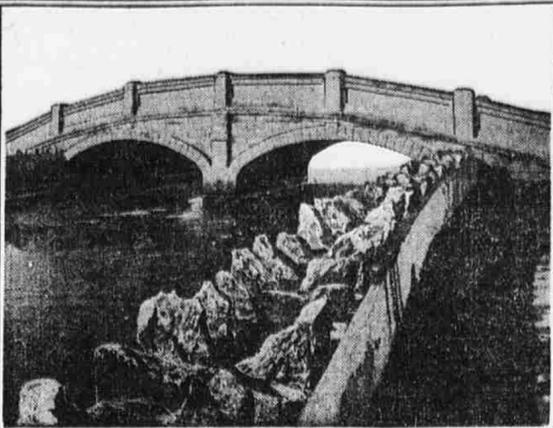
VARE CONFESSES ERROR BY DESTROYING CITY WORK HE DEFENDED



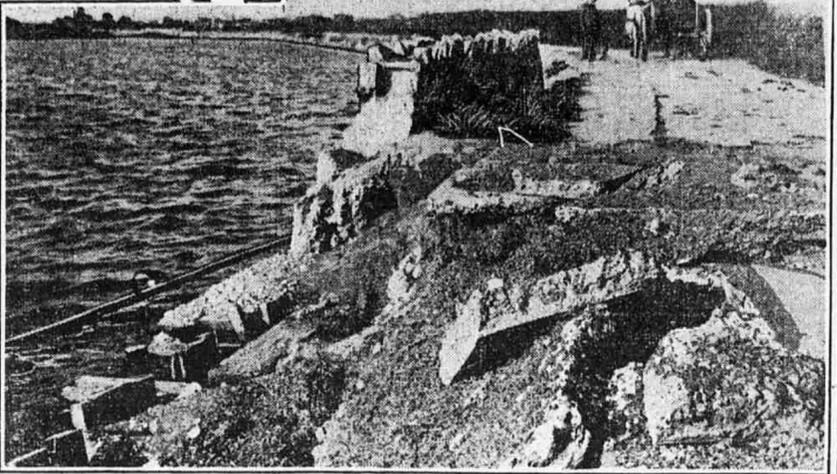
PART OF "NEAR CONCRETE" WALL DEFENDED BY EDWIN H. VARE. WALL IS NOW BEING TORN DOWN



BROKEN ASPHALT PAVEMENT



THIS PHOTO TAKEN MAY 1914—BRIDGE HAS SINCE DISAPPEARED



VARE "HANDSOMEST WALL" WHICH HE IS NOW TEARING DOWN

GRAB INCLUDES PLAN TO SEIZE CITY HALL SUITE

Rooms Occupied by Police Coveted by Municipal Court Pending \$2,000,000 Land Purchase.

Project Germinated Last April When Ouster of State Fencibles From Armory Appeared Imminent.

Not content with their land-grabbing plans for \$2,000,000 court buildings at 21st and Race streets, officials of the Municipal Court, through the Penrose-McNichol-controlled Councils, will attempt the seizure of the east corridor on the sixth floor of City Hall to accommodate them while the grabbing plans are being jammed through.

If the State Fencibles are ousted from their armory on Broad street below Race and the Central police station takes that place, the Municipal Court will get the east corridor, according to those with their eyes on the court's plans.

President Judge Charles L. Brown admitted the truth of this to Emanuel Furth, attorney for the Fencibles, when Furth, who had heard the rumor, taxed him with it two weeks ago. Those familiar with the situation say City Hall's east corridor is coveted by the Municipal Court as a shelter until the fate of the land grab is decided.

PLAN AND ITS ORIGIN. The court's plans to seize the sixth floor corridor have a double significance, however. It developed today that the Municipal Court and the Penrose-McNichol Councilmanic leaders had their eyes on a site for the Municipal Court as long ago as last April, more than a month before Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist thought of the Magdalen Hope property, and passed on the idea to Judge Brown.

That the bacilli of a plan the size of the land scheme appeared first in the minds of Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist has surprised those who know the long-headed politician and his habit of searching the horizon for the male chance. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist, however, suggest that the thought of the land scheme was not original with them.

But there was a plan to care for the Municipal Court before Mrs. Jurist and Mrs. Richardson set it in motion. Councilman told Emanuel Furth last April that he would do well not to press his fight against dislodging the Fencibles. They said he ought to wait until the fall.

Only last Saturday, when he read that the Municipal Court planned a grab at 21st and Race streets, did he see why he was advised to wait until fall. Even now, he believes, the Municipal Court may want the sixth floor corridor at better odds than it would get in the outlook for the land-grabbing scheme.

FENCIBLES' PLEA IGNORED. The State Fencibles' lease on the armory expired March 1. Furth appeared to plead for Councilmanic Committee on City Property at a meeting April 2 and secured a recommendation for a renewal of the lease for two years. Then he looked to Councils to act upon the recommendation. But the recommendation remained buried in committee.

Through April Furth went about asking Councilmanic members to bring the renewal matter to the meeting. He was told that it would be better to let the business lie quietly until fall. "You'll do better there," they said. "But monthly," the City Solicitor had begun an amicable ejection action and the Fencibles' tenure in their armory was growing more and more shaky.

When Councils adjourned without acting on the lease for the Fencibles, if the City Solicitor's action was effective the Fencibles could be saved from ejection. Only the action of Councils renewing the lease.

Last Thursday Furth met John P. Connelly, chairman of the Councils' Finance Committee. He asked when Councils would do something about renewing the lease.

"We don't want your old armory," said Connelly.

BLOODHOUNDS PUT ON TRAIL OF SLAYER OF 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Bucks County Authorities Reinforced by State Police Keep Up Energetic Man Hunt.

Bloodhounds from the Eastern Penitentiary were taken to Buckingham Valley today in an attempt to run down John Cope, who shot and killed his niece, Florence Cope, 18 years old, last Monday night. District Attorney Calvin S. Boyer also went to the scene of the tragedy today, and now is in personal charge of the man hunt.

The bloodhounds were brought to the scene early this morning and given the scent from a piece of the clothing left behind by Cope when he plunged into the woods, barefoot, and without shoes. The hounds, turning at their heads, led the detectives to the hen house, where Cope hid until opportunity presented to continue his flight. From there the animals led the pursuers into the heavily wooded section into which Cope disappeared.

The only new clue obtained so far today is provided by a farm hand on the place adjoining the Clinton Cope farm. This man said he saw John Cope the morning after the tragedy walking toward a slump of woods. The news aroused farmers to redoubled efforts to find Cope.

Following the disclosures made last night by the investigators, the entire matter was later referred to District Attorney Roten for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a grand jury could be instituted against those who were responsible for the scandal. District Attorney Roten replied that he would not act because of the statute of limitations.

HUNT CLUB HAS FIRST SPORT OF THE SEASON

Members Start Across Country Today, But Reynard Gets Away.

Huntmen and huntswomen, members of the Whitmarsh Valley Hunt Club, had their first sport of the season early this morning. With James G. Leiper as master of hounds, about 15 other members started across country after the hounds shortly after the break of day. The regular season of the club begins on Saturday and Sunday, and on holidays, including Columbus Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

WAR'S HORRORS INEVITABLE WHEN MEN TURN TIGERS

George Wharton Pepper Thinks Atrocities Bound to Occur in Strife. George Wharton Pepper, prominent Ecocological layman, an authority on church law and an attorney, expressed the opinion today that atrocities in warfare were things to be expected. Mr. Pepper has followed the present war in Europe with a great deal of interest and has considered the numerous tales and reports of the alleged atrocities perpetrated. In speaking of these alleged outrages, he said:

"Atrocities are considered by many as unnecessary incidents of war. In my estimation the commission of frightful atrocities is inevitable whenever masses of men are for the time being turned into tigers by the war spirit. No better description of war than Sherman's has been given. War is hell, and whenever hell is turned loose there will always be found plenty of devils to tend the fires. It should be less busy fixing the blame for these devilities than in doing all in our power to relieve the victims."

New York to Have Series. NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Despite rumors to the contrary, it was announced yesterday that the post-season series between the New York National and American League clubs would take place this fall. The first game is scheduled for October 8, one day before the opening of the world's series.

GIRARD COLLEGE STUDENTS ESCAPE; ONE IS CAPTURED

Orphan, Seeking Adventure, Very Hungry, Slept Under Stars—Little Pal Yet Missing.

Ferocious and shivering, hungry and tired, a little boy who ran away from Girard College on Monday to seek adventure was found early today huddled in the shadow of the doorpost at 29th and Montgomery avenue. Policeman Humphreys, who saw the child, wrapped his coat about him and took the boy to the 29th and Oxford streets station.

There the little runaway said he was John Hand and admitted with a touch of pride the weight of 11 years resting on his shoulders. He had scaled the wall surrounding the college grounds with Francis Crost, 13 years old, another inmate of the institution, and the two determined to seek "life." The other lad is now being sought by the police. Hand said he left his companion asleep in a vacant lot near the place he had been found.

The two boys had 40 cents between them when they climbed over the wall. One-fourth of this was spent before they were out of the college grounds a half hour, when a lurid motion picture advertisement which told of heroic deeds on Western plains attracted the young adventurers.

Realizing that 30 cents would not keep them in food very long, they satisfied their future cravings for excitement by merely looking at bill boards instead of going in the "movies." At night they slept in vacant lots.

KENNEY'S NIGHT CONCERT STIRRED FAMILY'S IRE

2 A. M. Recital Brings the Police and Peace Follows Discard. Discard has given way to harmony in the Kenney family.

Although there will be no more early morning concerts at the Kenney home, 523 Rockland street, Germantown, the neighbors are happy. The discard was due to the musical ambitions of Walter Kenney, but members of his family did not agree with Walter regarding his musical capacities. They contended that he struck what musicians call "blue" notes. The neighbors agreed with them and the whole region seemed to feel the same color.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds.

Table with columns for Station, S. a. m., P. m., and Weather. Lists various cities and their forecasted weather conditions.

PENROSE AT DESK IN SENATE; IF YOU DOUBT, SEE MOVIES

Pictures Entertain Show Patrons, Films Costing Him \$100 a Week Being Furnished Free by Candidate.

Senator Penrose is entertaining the "movie fans" of Pennsylvania. He is paying the cost of keeping on the screens of motion picture houses in all parts of the State 20 prints of a 700-foot film, which are now in their second week of showing the senior Senator in various activities.

The films show him actually in Washington, seated at his desk in his office there, riding to the Capitol in a carriage, and entering the Senate wing of the Capitol, and they show him campaigning at the National Guard encampment at Mt. Gretna, and on the stump in the western part of the State.

Invitations to avail themselves of the Penrose free-film service have been sent to all motion picture house managers who favor Penrose's candidacy, said Gauber today.

They have passed their 20th performance, he said, and have been shown all the way from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh before audiences numbering nearly 1,000,000 persons. They are on the program of two or three theatres in Philadelphia and as many in Pittsburgh every day.

NICELY PUT

Clayton Woodville, the famous artist, tells an amusing story connected with the old Duke of Wellington. One night he was dining with the Duke and Christopher Skyles, and in the smoking room after dinner his royal highness, sitting in a comfortable arm chair, dropped placidly off to sleep. The other two continued their conversation for some time in a low tone punctuated by loud snoring from the Duke. Then Mr. Woodville laughed at something the other said, and the Duke awoke with a start.

"Christopher," he asked, "have I snored?"

Skyles replied suavely: "I have had the honor to hear your royal highness snore well!"—Pearson's Weekly.

THE LAWYER AND THE JUDGE

The conversation was heated at that. It ran like this, according to Furth: "Now look here, Charlie, I know you're anxious to take that corridor for the court. I've heard it on good authority and there's no use saying that but the idea."